

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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**NOTICE TO TERMINATING EMPLOYEES**

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program
1-866-298-8443

The California Department of Health Services will pay health insurance premiums for certain persons who are losing employment and have a high cost medical condition. In order to qualify for the **Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program**, you must meet **ALL** of the following conditions:

1. You must currently be on Medi-Cal;
2. Your Medi-Cal Share of Cost, if any, must be \$200 or less;
3. You must have an expensive medical condition. The average monthly savings to Medi-Cal from your health insurance must be at least twice the monthly insurance premiums. If you have Medi-Cal Share of Cost, that amount will be subtracted from your monthly health care costs to determine if paying the premiums is cost-effective;
4. You must have a current health insurance policy, COBRA or Cal-COBRA continuation policy, or a COBRA conversion policy in effect or available at the time of application;
5. Your health insurance policy **must** cover your high cost medical condition;
6. Your application must be completed and returned in time for the State of California to process your application and pay your premium;
7. Your health insurance policy **must not** be issued through the California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board; and
8. You **must not** be enrolled in a Medi-Cal related prepaid health plan, County Health Initiative, Geographic Managed Care Program, of the County Medical Services Program (CMSP).

NOTE: If an absent parent has been ordered by the court to provide your health insurance, you will not be eligible for the HIPP Program.

FOR PERSONS DISABLED BY HIV/AIDS

CARE/HIPP Program
AIDS Hotline
1-800-367-2437

Under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, persons unable to work because of disability due to HIV/AIDS and are losing their private health insurance may qualify for premium payment assistance through the CARE Health Insurance Premium Payment (CARE/HIPP) program for up to 29 months, if they meet the following criteria:

1. Have applied for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), State Disability Insurance (SDI), or other disability programs;
2. Are currently covered by a health insurance plan (COBRA, Cal-COBRA individual or group), which includes outpatient prescription drug coverage and HIV-related treatment services;
3. Are not currently on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for any outpatient prescription drug that can be covered by private insurance;
4. Have a total monthly income of no more than 400 percent of the current federal poverty level; and
5. Will be eligible for the Medi-Cal/HIPP or a County Organized Health System (COHS) HIPP program by the end of the 29-month coverage period (some clients may be eligible for extended program coverage).